



SOULBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There was a short Parish Council meeting before the Annual Meeting held on 18th May, at which it was agreed to put up some small notices to help keep horse riders to the edge of The Green. A sub-committee would also look into some environmental improvements especially concerning the expansion and maintenance of the roadways across The Green.

The hole in the corner of the children's playground had been filled in and the fence would be repaired very shortly.

A letter had been received from A.V.D.C. stating that the Stewkley Road would be repaired before April 1999, also information was included on the summer entertainment for children which will be on Tuesday August 18th in the clubroom at 11:00am.

County Councillor Jennings recommended that an officer of the Highways Department should come to a Parish Council meeting to hear the concerns of Soulbury residents about the roads and traffic problems and to try to help the situation. It was agreed to follow this through.

It was reported that Bucks County Council had received more money to spend on rural transport, which would be welcome.

The next two meetings were arranged for Monday 29th June and Tuesday 28th July.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The complete set of minutes for the Annual Meeting, compiled by the Clerk, will be available to any interested parties later in the month. These should be on display in the Clubroom, the Church and the Chapel Schoolroom.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the four parishioners who had taken the trouble to attend and also County Councillor Jennings. It was regretted that PC Griggs was not present.

He went on to individually thank each member of the Parish Council, and described a number of activities and expectations which the Council had fulfilled over the year.

County Councillor Jennings then reported on the changes and concerns which had taken her attention over the last twelve months. Education initiatives had been important; the places for 4 year olds, the bringing forward of secondary education for 11 year olds and the Education for Life scheme which was a new project to encourage further education for all. She voiced her concern particularly about the expansion of Milton Keynes, and said she would be fighting the proposition on our behalf. She felt that the best way forward was to make use of the 'brown-field' sites within the present boundaries, even if this did mean that construction was more dense. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jennings on our behalf for her efforts.

District Councillor Maureen Payne said that the wheelie bins were coming a little later than anticipated as there had been some problems with them in Aylesbury. In the Parishes Review it had been agreed that Soulbury's boundaries would remain as they were. The second year of the competition - the Ted Payne Memorial Pub Quiz - was just about to commence. The Chairman thanked Councillor Payne for representing Soulbury so well.

The representative from Liscombe Park Mr Nigel Smith was then invited to speak. He talked of the Golf Course proposals and promised that due consideration would be paid to the environmental concerns and that the footpaths would be left more or less as they are and the fairways and greens arranged around them. There was also a proposal by Liscombe Park to construct a bridle path on the north side of the estate to link with Rock Lane and Stoke Hammond bridle ways. This was felt to be a very welcome initiative. Mr Smith apologised on behalf of the Estate for the inconvenience which walkers had suffered over the use of tanks on the property. He said that improvements to the footpaths were already in place and that the problem should be alleviated before too long. The stick and ball areas were polo practice fields and the polo pitches themselves would only be used about six times a year, including charity events.

Councillor Luther Brazier then spoke of the Millennium Green. The proposal has passed the Countryside Commissions requirements, and we were waiting to hear from the Millennium Commission (we have since heard that they have accepted our application!). The first instalment of the grant together with some funding from the Parish Council would be paid to the field owner over the next six weeks to complete the sale of the land. The Charitable Trust could be soon set up and various legalities settled. The meeting voted to accept the Millennium proposal and also the funding package. Councillor Luther Brazier was again thanked heartily for all his efforts.

Members of the public then spoke. A concern was expressed over the dangerous double parking at the top of Chapel Hill. As PC Griggs was not present the Clerk agreed to contact him on the matter. Thanks were proposed to the Chairman and all the councillors for their year's work and also to Mr Luther Brazier for duplicating the newsletter each month.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We have now received the acceptance of our plans and the grant is definitely forthcoming. A cause for celebration and also the start of the work to create this exciting place. Mr Luther Brazier wants to thank all the steering group members who have brought us to this stage; they were Alf Peacock, Stan Morris, John Spires, Liz Miller and Jane Phillpot, with consultants Richard Onslow and Jonathan Sheppard. The responsibility now is with the Trustees to take us forward. They are Maureen Payne (Chairman), Julie Day (treasurer), Jane Phillpot (secretary), Christine Sheppard, Richard Marks and Liz Miller.

Whilst we are waiting for the first portion of the grant to come through, members of the village might consider how they could assist in the creation of the Green. There will be a 'welcome to this space' on the evening of 15th July when everyone can walk around the field and appreciate what we have bought and what we plan to do with it. The Trustees will enjoy meeting as many members of the village as are able to attend. More news next month.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation Group for Adults - This is starting on Monday, June 29th at 8pm at Stewkley Vicarage. Please ring Norman if you are interested.

Bishop Mike - The new Bishop of Buckingham is coming to this part of the Diocese to introduce himself and answer questions. This will be in Buckingham on June 10th at 8pm. Ring Norman for transport.

Church Cleaning - Help would be appreciated with Church cleaning on 6th June and 4th July.

Quiz evening - Over £300 was raised. Thanks to all concerned.

Concert - This was very well attended and raised over £400. Many thanks to all, especially Cedars School.

Summer Fete - This will be on Saturday June 17th at The Cottage by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Pargeter. This promises to be full of attractions for all ages. Look out for the posters. Over the Fete weekend there will also be the Art Exhibition at the Old School (see below)

Recently published Church Accounts and Reports are now available for everyone to peruse inside the Church.

ART EXHIBITION

After the success of last year's exhibition we have decided to hold another. It will take place on the 27th and 28th June between 10am and 6pm at the Old School. It is open to all artists - amateur or professional - so get those paint boxes out. Anyone who would like to exhibit can obtain an entry form from Sheila Morgan, telephone number 270485. Commissions from the paintings and exhibition entry fees will be donated to the Church Restoration Fund

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL CHARITY

Grants are available for young people aged 14-18 on December 31st 1997. Forms are available from Mr. J Pargeter, The Cottage, Church Lane, Soulbury LU7 0BU. Youngsters need to be resident in the Parish of Soulbury. Please return forms by June 30th 1998.

A PARTY NIGHT AT THE NAAFI - July 4th at 7:30pm at Holmside in Hollingdon

This year come along dressed in any type of Armed Forces Uniform, Home Guard, Nurses outfit, Land Girls outfit or just casually dressed. We will celebrate a 1945 style evening at the end of the war with music by Vera Lynn, Gracie Fields, Glen Miller etc. A three course meal will be served, but please bring your own wine & beer and glasses. Tickets are £10 each from Greeba Cochrane 270271, Heather Parrott 270234, Lorna Stephens 270444, or any of the Friends of Soulbury Church. Proceeds will be towards the Church and Restoration Funds.

Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets sold out very quickly last year!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Two forthcoming items which may be of interest:-

Tuesday, July 7th - we have an Outing to the Royal Show at Stoneleigh. The coach leaves the Stewkley road Bus Stop at 8:30 prompt. The cost is £17.75 which includes the coach and also the entrance fee to the show. Anyone who is interested please contact either Margaret 270355 or Andrea 270474.

Saturday, July 18th - Pig Roast. After a couple of years without this very enjoyable event, we are again organising our PIG ROAST at Val Redbart's. Tickets are £10 per head and numbers are strictly limited - none available on the night. Tickets available from any committee member and also from Margaret and Andrea (as above). The event begins at 7:30pm with a delicious supper served at 8:30pm. There is a Licensed Bar, a Raffle and a Disco. A substantial donation from this event will be given to Soulbury Church Funds so please support us.

SUNFLOWER COFFEE MORNING FOR FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

This will take place on Saturday June 13th at Lovett House from 10am to 12:15pm. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy and cakes. Do come and support your local Hospice.

ALPHA IS COMING TO SOULBURY!

This is a course designed for anyone who would like to know what Christians believe. Alpha consists of video presentations followed by discussion time.

Commencing on 15th September the first meeting will be held in the Methodist School Room, Chapel Hill. Baby sitting and transport an all be arranged if needed.

Please contact Bob and Margaret Harris (tel 01525 376492) or Amanda and Matthew Williams (tel 01525 377257) for more information.

Susie and Roger Whittaker would like their friends to know that they have moved to Lydcote House, Warren Farm, Dunton Road, Stewkley. Telephone: 240132.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Diane Conquest who recently entered and won her age group championship at the Sharpshoe Gymkana, gaining three firsts, two seconds and a third. She also won the overall trophy for the day.

Congratulations to Chloe Cozens also, who has improved her personal best in high jump to be ranked No.1 Under 20 in Great Britain. She competed last weekend in an International Invitation Heptathlon for senior and junior women in the south of France. Her total score was 5359 points, which gave her 10th position overall. The seven events are hurdles, high jump, shot, javelin, long jump, 200 metres and 800 metres and Chloe again gained personal bests in no less than four disciplines - shot, long jump, 200m and hurdles.

WELCOME

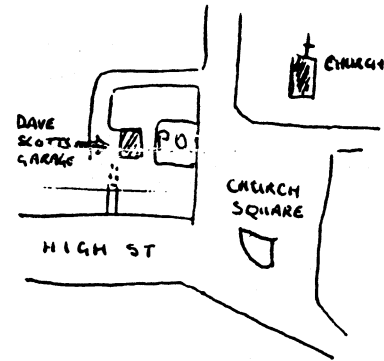
We are pleased to welcome to the village Anita and Steve Brewer who have come to live in The Mead.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sat. June 6th	Mentmore	Home
Sun. June 7th	Gt. Brickhill	Away
Sat. June 13th	Whitchurch	Away
Sun. June 14th	Milton Bryan	Home
Sat. June 20th	Open University	Home
Sun. June 21st	Leighton Rovers	Away
Sat. June 27th	Little Horwood	Away
Sun. June 28th	Westcott. C.C.	Home

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STAFF REQUIRED AT LISCOMBE PARK

- Part Time Receptionist (8am to 1pm)
- Cleaner (evening)

Please contact Nigel Smith (Estate Manager) to arrange an interview on 01296 682222

SOULBURY SKIPS AND RECYCLING

Two, three and four yard skips available 7 days a week. Tel 270726

FOR SALE

Greenhouse 6' x 8'. Buyer dismantles. £100
Rotavator. £120 or nearest offer
Petrol Mower with collecting box. £35.
Telephone 270684

STOKE HAMMOND PLAYGROUP

We are an Ofsted approved playgroup with vacancies for children of 2½ to school age.

We are open Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:15 to 11:45

We like to think that learning should be fun!

Feel free to arrange a visit and see for yourself.

Call Elaine on 01525 270502

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley Tel 240287

Every Sunday

11:30 Sung Communion

10:00 Sunday Club in the Chapel

Except

June 7th Service at Drayton Parslow at 10:00am

July 5th Open Air Service on The Green with the Salvation Army Band 11:00am

METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Rev. Ian Banks. The Manse, Stewkley. Tel 240251

Sunday June 7th 10:00am Mrs F. Brown Family Service

Sunday June 14th 6.00pm Mr K. Prentice

Sunday June 21st 6.00pm Mr W. Farmer

Sunday June 28th 6.00pm Mrs J. Gregory

Sunday July 5th 11.00am United Service on The Green

Mothers and Toddlers 10:30am every Tuesday

Sunday Club for children, 10.00am in the Chapel except where there is a family service

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thurs. June 4, 11, 18, 25

Bowls evening 7:30pm

Tues. June 9th

W.I. - Dyslexia Defeated. New members welcome. 8pm

Weds. June 10th

Social Circle 2.30pm

Sat. June 13th

Sunflower Coffee Morning at Lovett House 10.00am

Weds. June 17th

W.F. Picnic 7.00pm

Mon. June 8th & 22nd

Mobile Library.

10.15 - 10.30am

- High Road

2.35 - 2.50pm

- Stewkley Road

Sat. & Sun. June 27th-28th

Art Exhibition at Old School

Sat. June 27th

Annual Church Fete at The Cottage

Mon. June 29th

Parish Council Meeting 8pm

Wed. June 10th & 24th

Woodland Waste Paper Collection

Thurs. June 4th & 18th

A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection

DIARY DATES

Sat. July 4th

Party Night at The NAAFI

Tues. July 7th

W.I. outing - Royal Show

Wed. July 15th

Millennium Green 'welcome to this space' 5pm - 9pm

Sat. July 18th

Pig Roast

Tues. July 28th

Parish Council Meeting

Items for next issue by 19th June to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483 or Mrs Fairburn 270674.

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Dear *Chris & Chris*

At the Annual parish council meeting, about 12 months ago it was proposed for Soulbury to buy some land in the village and create a 'millennium green' an area of land which would belong to the people of "Soulbury" for their enjoyment and recreation.

Since then a vast amount of time and effort has been spent trying to achieve this

The Parish News Letter has been used to give an up-date and convey any information on the Millennium Green's progress, but, as you showed your interest and took the time to come and support our efforts by attending the Exhibitions we, the Soulbury Millennium Green Trustees would personally like to tell you the good news:-

All the hard work has fared us well, our village has been successful in obtaining the Countryside Commissions approval for funding, we are now able to purchase the field proposed for the Millennium Green. This means by the end of July/August 1998 we the Soulbury parishioners, will own land which can be protected and preserved against any marauding developers and the on-going expansion programs of Milton Keynes, which are now threatening the boundaries of our Stoke Hammond and Newton Longville neighbours.

Once the field becomes legally ours, work will start on its transformation and we will be calling for all volunteers and persons wishing to help to come forward. There is a program of the various stages of development which will call for different labour skills, activity and equipment. Mrs Liz Miller will be co-ordinating the fields physical aspect and development.

As from now, the Soulbury Millennium Green will come under the protection of a Trust, and be known as *Soulbury Millennium Green Trust*. The following people have become trustees:- Mrs Maureen Payne,(270418) Mrs Julie Day,(270036) Jane Phillpot,(270532) Mrs Liz Miller,(270545) Mrs christeine Sheppard,(270377)and Mr Richard Marks,(270687).

Initially, Soulbury Millennium Green will have to be financed through sponsorship from 'generous' local trades people and companies. Our own openhandedness in supporting fund raising events will all help. Donations and a contributions of funds, labour and equipment have been made by a few in the parish, but we are hoping for a much bigger response once on site work begins, hopefully all in the village will come and see whats going on and in some way or another, want to take part in the greens creation.

Corporate funding from the bigger boys, and enviromental fun holding agencies has been requested and we are hoping for a favourable response from some if not all of them.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust wish to thank you personally for your encouragement and ask for your support to be ongoing so we can fulfil the aspirations set out at the exhibitions, hopefully in time for the 2000year celebrations.

If you have any helpful ideas, suggestions or can offer your services or time please contact any trustee and let them know.

Yours sincerely

Jane